

Abbreviations and Terminology

CDs

C&S—'Chopped and Screwed' (remixing hip-hop, slowing the tempo, and applying various DJ techniques)

CD—Compact Disc

DD—Dual Disc (one side is a music CD; the other side is a DVD)

DE—Deluxe Edition (contains something new; for example, additional tracks or a bonus disc)

ECD—Enhanced CD (similar to a Dual Disc, these include web content or video and can play on CD-i, DVD-ROM, or CD-ROM drives)

ED—Edited (clean lyrics)

MXT—Releases from artists that include more experimental recordings and are generally used as marketing pieces for an artist's upcoming "official" album

PA—Parental Advisory (explicit lyrics)

SACD—Super Audio CD (this format produces a higher quality sound than a standard Compact Disc. Titles with this label are only playable on designated SACD players)

SE—Special Edition (same as Deluxe Edition)

SH—SACD Hybrid (These discs contain an SACD layer as well as a standard CD layer, allowing discs to be played on both standard and SACD players)

DVDs

CC—Closed captioned for the hearing impaired

DVD+R/DVD-R—Most DVDs are created through either Replication (DVD+R) or Duplication (DVD-R) processes. Replication refers to creating mass quantities of the same DVD for commercial purposes. Duplication refers to making small quantities of discs for either personal or small commercial purposes. The playable side of a DVD-R is usually purple in color, rather than the silver/clear appearance of a replicated disc. The quality is roughly the same; however, DVD-Rs usually don't include extra features such as chapters and menus.

DVS—Descriptive Video Service (provides audio descriptions of key visual elements within such visual media formats as TV and film to visually impaired and blind audiences)

Limited Availability—Titles restricted in availability either by quantity or date range

LTBX—Letterboxed (See Widescreen)

Not Available (NA)—Titles unavailable due to studio discontinuation. (While a title may be unavailable and therefore un-orderable now, it may become available again at a later date.)

SDH—Subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing

SB—Superbit (DVD product that was developed with twice the bitrate as a regular DVD for superior picture and sound quality)

SE—Special Edition (a re-released film with added deleted scenes, behind-the-scenes specials, and/or other extras)

Subtitled—Textual versions of the DVD’s dialogue, presented in different languages depending on user selection and usually displayed at the bottom of the screen.

WS—Widescreen (a film or television image with a width to height aspect ratio greater than the standard 1.37:1; films and shows converted for square TV displays lose the right and left edges of their image frames)

Audiobooks

Abridged—The publisher has condensed the content of a full-length audiobook into a shortened version.

Library Edition—Audiobooks distributed by publishers for libraries. Library Edition audiobooks cost 40–60% more than Retail Editions and are repackaged in a vinyl clamshell case. ***Retail Edition and Library Edition audiobooks use the same narrator, feature the same recording, and offer the same quality of discs.***

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AN—Anniversary Edition

CR—Criterion Collection

CE—Collector's Edition







CM—Commemorative Edition

DC—Director's Cut

LE—Limited Edition

UE—Ultimate Edition

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